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Amendments to Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) An isolated nucleic acid fragment comprising a seed-specific soybean annexin promoter.
2. (currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid fragment comprising a seed-specific soybean promoter wherein said promoter consists essentially of the nucleotide sequence set forth in any of SEQ ID NO:1 or ~~43-22~~ 13-21.
3. (cancelled)
4. (cancelled)
5. (currently amended) A recombinant expression construct comprising at least one heterologous nucleic acid fragment operably linked to any one of the isolated nucleic acid fragments of any of Claims ~~4, 2, 3, or 4~~ 1 or 2.
6. (currently amended) A plant comprising in its genome the recombinant expression construct of Claim 5 wherein said construct is expressed in seed of the plant.
7. (original) The plant of Claim 6 wherein said plant is selected from the group consisting of dicotyledonous plants.
8. (original) The plant of Claim 7 wherein the plant is soybean.
9. (original) The recombinant expression construct of Claim 5 wherein the heterologous nucleic acid fragment encodes an enzyme related to production of at least one long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid.
10. (currently amended) A method for regulating expression of at least one heterologous nucleotide sequence in the seeds of a plant which comprises:
 - (a) transforming a plant cell with the recombinant expression construct of Claim 5;
 - (b) growing fertile mature plants from transformed plant cell of step (a); and
 - (c) selecting plants comprising a transformed plant cell expressing the recombinant expression construct wherein the heterologous

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nucleotide sequence is expressed in the seeds of the transformed plant.

11. (original) The method of Claim 10 wherein the plant is a soybean plant.

12. (original) The method of Claim 10 wherein the heterologous nucleic acid fragment encodes an enzyme related to production of at least one long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid.

13. (currently amended) A method for regulating expression of at least one heterologous nucleotide sequence in the seeds of a plant which comprises:

- (a) transforming a plant cell with a recombinant expression construct comprising at least one heterologous nucleic acid fragment operably linked to the isolated nucleic acid fragment of any of Claims ~~1, 2, 3,~~ or 4 1 or 2;
- (b) growing fertile mature plants from transformed plant cell of step (a);
and
- (c) selecting plants comprising ~~a transformed plant cell expressing the~~ the recombinant expression construct wherein the heterologous nucleotide sequence is expressed in the seeds of the transformed plant during early seed development.